



EAT MORE HONEY

New Deadline for the Fair

Unlike years past when you could get your entry forms in a couple of days before the fair opened, there is now a much earlier deadline for entry forms. They must be received by September 17, 5pm.

Editor's Notes

I went through all 8 of my hives and most look queen-right with enough honey to make it through to fall. One hive had stored three medium supers of honey since the middle of June. Where did they find it all and why were they so much more prolific than the other hives? I don't know, but I do know that I don't plan to requeen that hive.

This is my second year of no pesticides except powdered sugar, and this year I have only treated one hive with the Dowda method one time. I have pulled a couple drone frames and use small cell foundation. Will they make it through the winter or will they crash with Varroa? Time will tell, but right now the hives look strong.

Send articles, information, and classified ads to barrycary@aol.com by the 25th of the month.

Michelle Barry, secretary WCBA

Wake County Beekeepers Association

September 2007

September 11 Meeting Topic

Our speaker for August is Dr. David Tarpy. He has been very active with the committee on the colony collapse disorder so he will be able to give us the latest news on that conundrum. Time: 7:30pm. Location: Wake County Commons Building, Cary Drive.

Bugfest

Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend the last meeting so I am not sure whether a sign up sheet went around or what. If you also missed the last meeting and want to help, call Ricky Barbour 269-0108. There are T-shirts given out to the volunteers, so call ahead of the date which is September 15.

Refreshments

Thanks to Jill Currin and Paul Kronsbein for bringing refreshments to the August meeting. The three who signed up to bring refreshments to the September meeting are Karma Lee 303-0339, Cindy Robinson 553-3009, and Jim Howard 772-8321. Be sure to call one another and coordinate who is bringing drinks and who is bringing food.

Membership Announcements

New Members:

Tim Hayworth (919) 404-2502

Larry White (919) 426-4448

Yahoo Group

Did you know that wakecountybeekeepers has a yahoogroup? You can ask questions of fellow members and get copies of the newsletters if yours has been lost in cyberspace. To become a member just send e-mail to www.wakecountybeekeepers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. If you are subscribing with a different e-mail than you gave on your membership form, then please tell me your name. If you are new to yahoogroups you will want to go to "my accounts" (at the top) and then click on "edit your marketing preferences" and unclick all the wonderful opportunities that they will want to e-mail you about. If you do this you shouldn't get any spam from them.

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Back copies of newsletters and
the bylaws are available on this
yahoo group.

Club Extractors:

The club owns extractors that are
available for members to borrow.
Electric extractor: Ricky Barbour
(in Zebulon 269-0108)
Hand extractor: Raleigh Myers (in
Raleigh 787-0058)

Bees and Swimming Pools

Are your bees leaving the neighbor's swimming pool alone? My neighbor has told me that too many of my bees are at the edge of his one acre pond. I added plastic boardman feeders filled with water to the front of my hives which has lowered the population at the pond. The disadvantage for me is that some of the hives will drink a quart a day so I have to refill them every morning. The larger 2 quart feeder is definitely better if you are using them for water.

Simon Johnston, from Chatham county, has had a lot of success with keeping bees out of the pool with a dog waterer. He has some comments and pictures on his blog:

<http://silkhopebees.blogspot.com/2007/06/bees-and-pool.html>

<http://silkhopebees.blogspot.com/2007/07/update-on-bees-and-poolswe.html>

"Honey Bee Basics" Offered in Hillsborough

(This is a very basic course. If you have friends who are interested in bees, tell them about this free opportunity.)

Want to know why honey bees are in the news? Curious about how (and why) people keep bees? "Honey Bee Basics" is a workshop designed to introduce people of all ages to the fascinating world of honey bees, our most valuable insect. Topics include the importance of the little honey bee to our way of life and how to keep bees as a hobby. Sponsored by the Orange County Beekeepers Association, the workshops are free to the public. People of all ages and interests are encouraged to attend; families are welcome! Three sessions will be held, each repeating the same content, so choose a date that is most convenient for you. Workshops are 7 to 9 p.m. on September 20, 27, and October 4 at the County Extension Office, 306 Revere Road, Hillsborough. For more information or to register, contact Randall Austin at orangebeeclub@yahoo.com or (919) 644-7842. Enrollment is limited, so please sign up early.

Making Foundation

Have you ever wondered about making your own foundation? Two of the reasons you might want to make it are to keep costs down or avoid the possibilities of pesticide contaminated wax. In other parts of the world, the cost factor can be staggering. Much of the world cannot afford to buy and ship foundation from the U.S. or Europe. If you have a large operation and can afford it, you can buy a foundation mill (At Kelly, only \$1000 for the pre-roller, and \$1800 for the embossing machine). If you are handy and want to see the lower cost alternative, check out:

<http://www.lapalmamiel.com/tiempo/mold/siliconemold.htm>